

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire August 19, 2004. In the present Amendment, Claims 1-6, 8 and 26-33 are canceled to place the pending claims in better condition for appeal.

No fee is believed to be required; however, in the event any additional fees are required, please charge IBM CORPORATION Deposit Account No. 50-0563.

Respectfully submitted,



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